GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2495
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2002
ATTACHMENT OF ASSETS OF CORRUPT OFFICIALS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Vigilance Commissioner has suggested the Government for enacting a law for attachment of the assets of the corrupt Government officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b)&(c): The Law Commission of India vide its 166th report had forwarded a draft Bill viz. Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill proposing to forfeit the property of corrupt public servants. The draft Bill was examined and it was decided that no new law for illegally acquired assets of public servants need be enacted since provisions already exist in the Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1944 to enable attachment of ill-gotten wealth obtained through corrupt means. Instead it was decided to carry out suitable amendments in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Accordingly, the matter has been referred to the Department of Legal Affairs.